

THURSDAY, DEC. 2, 1886.

County court meets Monday.
The outlook for wheat is good.
Diphtheria is raging in Lincoln county.

Choice line of Roasted Coffees at R. C. Paul's.

Walker Kagsdale is with the "Bound to Succeed" company.

You can't expect a show to be patronized without any advertising.

A social will be given at the M. E. Church, South, Friday evening.

Lost.—A reddish brown setter dog answers to the name of "How." Leave information at this office.

J. B. Simpson, formerly of Mexico, is going to Washington Territory to live.

Quarterly meeting, Wellsville circuit, will be held at Wellsville, Dec. 11th and 12th.

Mitchell & Stevens' stock at Farber-invoiced \$5,000. The stock at Laddonia has not been invoiced yet.

After a pleasant visit to friends and relatives, the College girls have all returned and are vigorously at work.

Ferris & Son have ordered 200 pairs of ladies' and boys' skates and sleigh bells enough to wake the natives.

R. M. Robinson and family will return from Kansas City this week. The old, old story, "no place like Mexico."

Those who have an opinion to express on "What Mexico Needs," will please put it into writing and send to this office.

Fulton raised \$83 for the poor Thanksgiving day; but Fulton don't keep it up the year 'round as Mexico does.

Capt. Dan K. Shields, has planted his siege guns at Mexico, Mo., where he can be addressed for the present.—Irrepressible Conflict.

Married, in the County Clerk's office at noon to-day, by "Squire" Winfield, Wm. J. Rutledge and Rebecca Rutledge, both of this county.

Joe Beagle, of Audrain county, bought of James Fry and Bob Campbell, this week, a lot of fine hogs at \$3.35 per cut.—Perry Pioneer.

Perry, Mo., now boasts of a haunted house. Sunday's St. Louis Globe Democrat contained a page with illustrations concerning the mysteries.

Eld. Higbee made a pleasant call to-day in company with Rev. J. W. Strawn, who is a minister of the Christian church and will begin work at Vandalia to-morrow night.

Birt Ringo is making arrangements to manufacture his new washing machine on an extensive scale. Mr. I. F. Coons says he has tried three or four washing machines and that he likes Ringo's the best of all, in every way.

We learn that our friend, John Spottawood, is writing a book entitled "Hard Trials and Great Tribulations of the Audrain Hunters in the Osage Hills." John is a thrilling writer and the book will sell like hot cakes.

Mr. Southern, of St. Louis, is in Mexico looking for a location. He desires either to go into business in Mexico or to buy a farm near Mexico on which he can raise fine cattle. Such gentlemen are welcome in Audrain county.

The semi-annual concert at Hardin College takes place in the College public hall on Friday evening, Dec. 17th. An excellent programme has been arranged. Proceeds for the new chapel. Thursday, December 23rd, school closes one week for Christmas.

Deputy-Sheriff Tom Atchison went to Moberly yesterday, in response to a letter, after the man who entered Blum's store about a month ago. He was accompanied by John Abbey, who went to identify the stolen goods. Abbey could not positively identify the goods, and the man was released. He gave his name as Bob Johnson.

Ed. Taylor wears one of the finest rings ever seen in this portion of the State. The set is a "diamond" which looks as if it would weigh an ounce. It is a little off-color, but, however, it is free from flaws. The ring, together with a gold-headed cane and fine silk hat presented by his friends.

Nothing is so reliable as Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, for colds, coughs, in short, for any and all derangements of the respiratory organs, which tend towards consumption. In all ordinary cases it is a certain cure, and it affords some relief for asthma and consumption, even in advanced stages.

Harvey C. Smith has sold his insurance business to Kilgore & Howell. Mr. Smith had some good companies and a choice lot of business on his books. By this purchase Kilgore & Howell have greatly strengthened their insurance business, which they report as already highly satisfactory, considering the depressed condition of business.

We have completed arrangements by which we can give any of our readers who may wish it, a year's subscription to the Mexico Weekly Ledger, and the Illustrated Graphic News, the leading Western Pictorial Weekly, for \$4.00. If you subscribe now, you secure the Grand Annual number of the Graphic News, with sixty pages of original pictures and stories, and two magnificently colored supplements. Remember you get two papers worth \$5.50 for \$4.00.

DROPPED DEAD.

Frank Willey, One of the Most Prominent Farmers in the County, Dies Suddenly.

Lart Monday Frank Willey, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of this county, was discovered in a dying condition in his wagon, one-half a mile from his residence, which is about 15 miles north-east of this city. J. N. Ball, his brother-in-law, and school-teacher Johnson were the first to go to his assistance. After he was discovered he lingered in a half-conscious condition about twenty minutes, saying a few words, when he died. Last night he complained of pains in his limbs and body, but when he went to gather corn this morning, two miles from the house, he was feeling first-rate. He had driven nearly home, when he fell, with the result stated. Paralysis is supposed to be the cause of his death. He leaves a wife and four boys, of whom Pindall Willey, his eldest, was in Harper & Turner's store in this city when the news was brought in. He was completely overcome, as he had left his father and home early this morning. The funeral will be held at Santa Fe to-morrow, and will be conducted under the auspices of the Masons. Mr. Willey having belonged to that order. The news cast a gloom over Mexico, where he has many friends among the citizens and merchants. A number from this city will attend the funeral.

Mr. Willey was one of Audrain's most substantial citizens in the county; a loving father, devoted Christian and upright in all his dealings. He came near "doing unto others as he would have other do unto him" as many have known. He was one of the leaders of the Democratic party in this portion of the State, always true to its principles to which he was devoted and for which he was always doing battle fearlessly. He will be greatly missed in the councils of the party.

Mr. Frank J. Willey, one of the most prominent farmers and stock men and respected, influential citizens of prairie township, was born in Callaway county, August 24, 1835, (also) Willey, formerly of Tennessee. Mr. Willey's parents, later along, removed to Audrain county, where he grew to manhood. They are remembered as old and respected residents of the county, and the father was a successful, substantial farmer. J. Frank received his education in the local schools, which was a good practical one for farming and business purposes, and being brought up on a farm, he naturally acquired that taste for agricultural life which controlled his choice of a calling when it became proper for him to start out in the world for himself.

Devoting himself definitely to farming and stock raising, his career since has been one against which he had no cause to complain. Known as one of the thorough-going agriculturists of the township, by his industry and enterprise he had accumulated a substantial property. Mr. Willey had one of the choice farms of prairie township, and was a man who stood high in the esteem of his neighbors and acquaintances. He was looked upon as one of the best judges of stock in that part of the county, and his success as a stock man fully justified the opinion held of him in this regard. In 1862, Mr. Willey was married to Miss Sallie R. Pindall, a daughter of Gen. E. S. Pindall, of Monongalia county, West Virginia, and sister of Col. L. A. Pindall and K. J. Pindall, of the Confederate army. Mrs. Willey is a lady of superior intelligence and culture, and is singularly entertaining in manners and conversation. Her father's family was one of the best in that section of the State, and she had all the advantages of polite society and the best schools. Mr. and Mrs. Willey had four children living: E. S. Pindall, Leubius R. Xenophon P. and J. Douglas, Mary Morgan, the third child and only daughter, being deceased. Mr. and Mrs. W. were members of the M. E. Church, South. Mr. W. was a member of the Masonic Fraternity. He served as Lieutenant in the Confederate army during the war. He was and has always been an uncompromising Democrat.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Northeast Missouri Teachers' Association. The tenth annual meeting of the N. E. Mo. Teachers' Association will be held in Macon City, Dec. 28, 29 and 30, 1886.

Much effort has been expended and great pains taken in preparing an entertaining and instructive programme, and we think that our efforts have been rewarded.

Reduced rates have been obtained on all roads leading to that point. The hotels have kindly made a reduction to all members of the Association. Let every one interested in the cause of education attend.

Respectfully, J. T. VAUGHN, President Association.

Paris, Mo., Nov. 27.

Brace Up. You are feeling depressed, your appetite is poor, you are bothered with headache, you are fidgety, nervous, and generally out of sorts, and want to brace up. Brace up, but not with stimulants, spring medicines, or bitters, which have for their basis very cheap, bad whisky, and which stimulate you for an hour, and then leave you in worse condition than before.

What you want is an alterative that will purify your blood, start healthy action of liver and kidneys, restore your vitality, and give renewed health and strength. Such a medicine you will find in Electric Bitters, and only 50 cents a bottle at J. F. Llewellyn's drug store.

Ladies desiring bargains in notions, hosiery, etc., please call on Mrs. L. Frank in Fowl's building, East Jackson street.

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BOARD OF TRADE.

Not a Quorum Present at the Annual Election of Officers—The Meeting Adjourned Until Thursday Evening.

For the first time in quite a number of weeks a meeting of the Board of Trade was called, to be held at the City Hall at 7 p. m. yesterday. As it was the annual election of officers, a quorum, at least, was looked for, but at 7:30, when vice-president Clay called the meeting to order, there were but a dozen present. The secretary mentioned the fact that the meeting was called to elect officers for the ensuing year. Mr. B. R. Caution thought it would not be in accordance with the constitution to proceed without a larger attendance, and asked that the law on that subject be read. The secretary explained that the constitution of the organization required the presence of a third of the members, before ordinary business could be transacted. Mr. D. E. Shea thought it best to ignore the law on the subject, and proceed with an election, as, perhaps, it would be impossible to get so many of the Board together again. If the absent members objected to this course, then let it be settled before the Directors. Mr. D. E. Shea made a motion, which received a second from Mr. A. C. Barnes. The matter, however, went no further, as the two gentlemen were the only ones favoring an election under the circumstances.

Chairman Clay then made the announcement that no motion other than one to adjourn would be in order. Mr. J. C. Bassford accordingly made a motion to adjourn until Thursday evening, December 2, and that all of the members present do their best to bring out a quorum. Carried.

It is to be hoped that there will be a big turnout, as the meeting is an important one. It is evident that the Board of Trade should either do something or disband.

The directors whose term of office expires with this election are G. B. Macfarlane, Lewis Ford, J. F. Llewellyn, A. S. Houston, John Bickley. The directors whose term of office does not expire for one year are H. A. Ricketts, B. R. Caution, L. Philip, D. E. Shea, A. G. Turner.

The other officers are as follows: President, Ex-Gov. C. H. Hardin. Secretary, F. H. Mitchell. 1st vice-president, G. B. Clark. 2nd vice-president, J. B. Botkin. Treasurer, Jacob Ruloff.

To the Audrain County Christian Missionary Co-Operation.

Mexico, Mo., Dec. 1.—At the last annual meeting of this co-operation which was held in Mexico, September 6th to 8th, 1886, we were elected as the Executive Committee. We take this method of reporting to you what we have done since the Mexico meeting. During this convention a committee on future work was chosen, consisting of one member present from each one of the churches represented. This committee, after due consideration, made the following report which was unanimously adopted:

"We, your committee, on future work, suggest first, that the executive committee, consisting of the President, Treasurer and Secretary of the Audrain county work, take the funds now on hand, and at once proceed to employ an efficient evangelist to be sent among the churches of Audrain county, to stir them up to zealous labor and to obtain cash and pledges from individual members for the further prosecution of this work."

Second. With the money thus raised to employ him to hold protracted meetings in destitute fields for such length of time as the amount of money thus raised will warrant.

Third. That the evangelist appointed in each congregation a member who shall be known as collector and solicitor whose duty it shall be to collect the money pledged by the individual members not paid to the evangelist, raise additional funds, and send same to the executive committee.

Fourth. That after making the canvass of the churches and raising pledges, the evangelist make out a report of the same in triplicate, one copy to be left with the collector and solicitor, one to be sent to the executive committee and the other to be kept by him for his own use."

Acting under these instructions we proceeded at once to secure the services of an efficient evangelist and after two months effort we have employed Bro. J. W. Strawn, formerly minister of the church at Holden, Mo., who enters at once upon his work. Owing to the financial weakness of the co-operation we were forced to unite with the churches at Santa Fe and Rising Sun. Brother Strawn will spend a portion of each month with them, the rest of his time in the employ of our county work under the instructions of the Mexico convention. He is well known to us and we most heartily recommend him to you as an efficient minister of the word whose character is above reproach.

Our next annual convention will be held with the church of Liberty, beginning on the first Monday in September, 1887, and we hope at this convention to make a most favorable report. By that meeting the work ought to be strong enough to command more of the evangelist's time.

We appeal to you to aid our brother in his work of preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ. To this end receive him as becometh saints. Christianity yours, J. W. HIGGINS, President. J. T. NELSON, Treasurer. A. HORTON, Secretary.

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Overcoats!

for everybody, in all sizes and all grades, from \$2.50 upwards. Suits for the boys, for the youth, for the regular-size man; suits for the fat men and suits for the lean men, in large assortments are being sold by us now at reduced prices.

Underwear at 25c and 50c, and on up. The largest array of Clothing and Gent's Furnishing Goods in Mexico. Call and see us.

Joe & Vic Barth, CLOTHIERS.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

An Audrain Man Arrested in Illinois For Murder, but Subsequently Released.

Sometime ago a man named Jacob Young was murdered in Ralls county, by a man named Winsell, who escaped. On Saturday last, Prosecuting Attorney Whitecotton, of Ralls, received the necessary papers to procure a man supposed to be Winsell, who had been arrested and placed in the Carrollton, Ill., jail. The prosecuting attorney arrived in Carrollton Monday at 9 a. m., and, accompanied by the officers, proceeded to the jail to identify the man under arrest for the murder. Mr. Whitecotton having known Winsell there was no trouble anticipated in identifying his man. When the iron doors swung open and the officers stepped into the jail, the prisoner was brought out. The prosecuting attorney looked at the man but a moment, for he saw at once that he was not Winsell, and stepping aside he told Detective Wallace and Sheriff Morrow that the wrong man had been arrested. He talked with the prisoner for some time, and found that his name was Robert L. Riggs, a young man who had come from this county. Being satisfied of this fact, the prisoner was then told he would be released.

He accompanied Mr. Whitecotton as far as Bowling Green, where he took the train for his home. Riggs lives in the Southeastern part of this county with his parents, and bears a good reputation. His father's name is Samuel P. Riggs.

"TO BE OR NOT TO BE." The City Council a few days since, passed an ordinance raising the license of insurance companies from \$10 to \$20 per year. The Council passed this ordinance knowing that the insurance companies were benefited more than anyone else by the Fire Company and Water-works, and thinking they would be willing to assist other tax-payers in paying for the same.

It appears from interviews with leading agents in Mexico that the various insurance companies, which are pooled will not only refuse to pay \$20 per year, but will shut down on the \$10 they have paid heretofore. There are 53 companies doing business in Mexico, and if one-half of them would pull out there would be plenty left, but from what we can learn, they work in harmony. When the license in Moberly was raised from \$10 to \$50 the companies gave the city 90 days to rescind the ordinance or they would pull out. The city rescinded the ordinance. The companies claim that they are not compelled to pay license in Mexico unless they feel like it. Mexico is operating under a special charter, and we beg leave to call attention to section 4, article 6, of charter as follows:

Sec. 4. The said City Council shall have power to levy and collect a license tax on auctioneers, insurance companies, merchants, grocers, confectioners, taverns, hotels, restaurants, hawkers, peddlers, brokers, banks, and ten-penny alleys, billiards, hacks, drays, wagons, carriages, and other vehicles used for hire or reward in said corporation limits of said city; organ grinders, street singers, and to regulate their charges and conduct.

Also to sections 46 and 47, chapter 15 of the ordinances as follows: Sec. 46. That every insurance company, whether life or fire, who shall insure or offer to insure, by its agents or otherwise, the lives or property of persons in this city, shall pay a license tax of ten dollars for each year, and to regulate their charges and conduct.

Sec. 47. Every person acting as the agent of any insurance company or insuring or offering to insure the life or property of any person in any but a company licensed as provided for in the preceding section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, fined ten dollars for every such offense.

The City Council is doing in this matter just what they think is proper and right, in view of relations existing between the citizens of Mexico and the insurance companies doing business here.

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HEBREW BUTCHERS.

Killing Animals in Accordance With the Moslem Law.

Sealing of the Meat by the "Shohet"—Wherein the Jewish Method of Slaughtering Differs from that Adopted By the Gentiles.

(Milwaukee Wisconsin.)

The custom of the Hebrews of killing cattle after the manner prescribed by the Moslem law, which has recently been prohibited in some parts of Germany on the ground of "cruelty to animals" was in vogue in Milwaukee up to about ten years ago. Previous to that time there were about half a dozen Hebrew butchers doing business in the city, and according to Jewish law, which was laid down by Moses, no animal was allowed to kill his own cattle. This was done by a functionary known by the title of shohet, who received his appointment directly from the congregation of Ben-Jehoram. A year's study was required by a person to fit himself for the position of a shohet. The manner of killing as described to a reporter by one of the butchers who practiced the custom for many years in Milwaukee, is quite interesting.

The doomed animal's head was drawn to a ring in the floor, whereupon a rope was fastened to the "critter's" left hind leg, which was hoisted up and the beast fell over upon its side, thus compelling the animal to stand upon its fore feet, with its head resting upon the horns. At this juncture the shohet, armed with a long knife, the blade of which was some two feet in length and as sharp as a razor, advanced to the animal's head and raised his hand over the neck in order to find a soft place. This done, he deftly and quickly drew the deadly weapon across the animal's throat. He was only allowed to make one cut and two slashes. No one was allowed to touch the "critter" until it had died. When life was extinct the carcass was laid upon its back to be dressed. The first thing done by the shohet was to insert his arm inside of the carcass and ascertain whether the lungs were perfectly free from the ribs. If such was found to be the case, the lungs were drawn out, placed upon a table, and then roughly tested in order to ascertain their condition, for upon this depended the healthfulness of the meat. The test was accomplished by blowing up the lungs. If they were found to be air tight, the shohet attached his official seal to the meat, and no meat could be sold to Hebrew customers unless so branded. The seal contained the word "kosher," printed in Hebrew characters. The entire process was in accordance with the rules laid down in the Moslem law.

"Do you consider this manner of killing cattle cruel, as has been charged by the press of Germany?" asked the reporter. "Cruel? No, sir; just the contrary. It is in my opinion the only perfectly humane way to kill. Animals slaughtered in this manner die a perfectly painless death, which is far from being the case with the modern style of knocking animals upon the head—three or four blows being often necessary before the 'critter' is completely stunned. The Jewish mode of killing has been proven by some of the learned men of the world to be the best mode of killing cattle. Due good effect resulting from this mode of slaughtering was that every drop of blood was run out of a carcass before it was dressed, the Moslem law forbidding Jews to eat the blood of animals. Neither were the people of this faith permitted to eat from the carcasses of animals, as they were not considered clean. The same law regulates the eating of pork, which is also deemed unclean. According to the strict Orthodox law, a shohet was required to pray a prayer before doing the killing. He received first a head, which made the position quite lucrative. Calves and sheep, as well as hogs, were required to be killed in the manner prescribed in the Moslem law. Even poultry was included in the list, and all chickens, turkeys and other fowl eaten by the Hebrews of Milwaukee had to be killed by the shohet. Two nights before the Jewish New Year up to ten years ago a regular procession of Jewish people, mostly servants and children, could be seen filing into the Jewish butcher shops laden with baskets containing live poultry. The poultry was all killed by the shohet. The Jews were obliged to pick the poultry dry instead of loosening the feathers with hot water, as Gentiles do, and the former custom still universally prevails among them. Why was this style of killing abandoned? Well, I suppose it was because the Hebrews, like every body else, became imbued with the new ideas, and made up their minds that meat prepared in the modern way for the Christian was good enough for them. Still, I believe the old Jew's custom of killing to be preferable, for both a humane and a cleanly standpoint. Now that pneumonia is raging among cattle around the country, this mode of killing would be a good thing for the public at large, for diseased meat would be detected instantly."

Their Business Booming. Probably no one thing has caused such a general revival of trade at J. F. Llewellyn's drug store as the offering away to their customers of so many free trial bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Their trade is simply enormous in the fact that it always cures and never disappoints. Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup, and all throat and lung diseases quickly cured. You can test it before buying by getting a trial bottle free, large size \$1. Every bottle warranted.

Jersey caps at Pease's for 5 cents.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Sheriff Atchison is in Laddonia.

Rev. J. C. Armstrong is in St. Louis.

Dr. T. P. Rothwell is still seriously ill.

J. A. Hunter leaves for Natchez, Miss., to-morrow.

Judge Elijah Robinson went down to Louisiana to-day.

Hon. I. W. Boulware, of Fulton, was at the Windsor to-day.

James Emons and wife are home from their wedding tour.

E. C. Kennen, who has been attending court here, returned to his home at Laddonia to-day.

George Robertson, Renfro Gibbs, E. C. Graham and Jos. G. Lakenan leave for Paris to-night to look after some legal matters.

Wm. J. Robinson and wife went up to Kansas City to-day, where they will remain permanently. Their sons, Will and Carl, will remain in this city, the former having a position in the Washburn freight office, the latter attending school.

Those from this city who will attend the American Opera at St. Louis are Miss Olivia Ford, Misses Woodward, Miss Olivia Ryan, Miss Walthall and wife, J. A. Graham, S. B. Cook, Wm. Thomas, E. S. Wilson. The party will go down Friday afternoon and will attend the opera that night.

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